## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF OLIVE, MICHIGAN

March 31, 2006

Michigan Dept. of Treasury, Local Audit & Finance Division 496 (3-98), Formerly L-3147

## AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended. Filing is mandatory.

Local Government Type		Local Government Name	County
City X Township	☐ Village ☐ Other	Olive Township	Ottawa
Audit Date	Opinion Date	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State:	
3-31-2006	6-5-2006	JULY 5 2006	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

- 1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised.
- 2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

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You mus	it check th	e a	pplicable box for each item below.					
ges	X no	1.	Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.					
yes	X no	2.	There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).					
yes	X no	3.	There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).					
yes	X no	4.	The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order its requirements, or an order issued under the Emerger	der issued ur ncy Municipa	nder the Municip I Loan Act.	oal Finance Ac		
yes	X no	5.	The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).					
yes	X no	6.	The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.					
yes	X no	7.	The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).					
yes	X no	8.	The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).					
yes	$\overline{\mathbb{X}}$ no	9.	The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as re-	quired by P.A	A. 196 of 1997 (i	MCL 129.95).		
We hav	ve enclo:	sed	the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required		
The lette	er of comr	nen	ts and recommendations.	Х				
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We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			Х

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

To the Township Board
Township of Olive, Michigan

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Township of Olive, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2006, which, collectively, comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Township as of March 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (identified in the table of contents) is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The accompanying required supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The required supplemental information is information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. My audit was conducted

for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Olive basic financial statements. The required supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Grand Haven, MI 49417

June 5, 2006

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

March 31, 2006

#### Using this Management's Discussion and Analysis

This annual report is intended to supplement the Township's financial statements for fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. Fund financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Governmental Fund Revenue, Expenditures and changes in Fund Balance and the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet) tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

#### The Township as a Whole

The Township's total net assets are \$4,777,333 as of March 31, 2006. Unrestricted net assets, which represents net assets that can be used to finance day to day operations, comprise 69.6% of that total. The current level of unrestricted net assets for our governmental activities stands at \$3,322,864 or about 300% of current year operating expenditures.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis:

The first table presented is a summary of the government-wide statement of net assets for the Township. The net assets may be used as an indicator of a government's financial health. As of March 31, 2006, the Township's total government-wide net assets from governmental activities totaled \$4,777,333 (100%).

In examining the composition of these net assets, the reader should note that governmental activities net assets are primarily invested in capital assets (i.e., buildings, land, vehicles, equipment, etc.). These assets are used to provide services to the residents and they are not available to pay salaries, operational expenses, or fund capital projects.

Table 1
Township of Olive Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2006	2005
Assets Current and other assets	\$3,341,908	\$3,119,136

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

March 31, 2006

Table 1- Township of Olive Net Assets-continued

		Governmental Activities
	2006	2005
Capital assets, net of		
accumulated depreciation	1,454,469	1,497,966
Total	\$4,796,377	\$4,617,102
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current	19,044	9,582
Noncurrent		
Total	19,044	9,582
Net Assets		
Capital Assets, Net of Debt	1,454,469	1,497,966
Unrestricted	3,322,864	3,109,554
Total net assets	\$ <u>4,777,333</u>	\$ <u>4,607,520</u>

The Township's net assets continue to remain healthy. The Township has enough unrestricted cash on hand at the end of the year to fund normal operating expenses in similar circumstances for over 12 months.

#### **Governmental Activities**

Governmental activities increased the Township's net assets by \$169,813, accounting for all of the total growth in net assets. Table 2 depicts this occurrence which will be discussed in more detail later in this analysis.

The Township's total revenues in the General Fund increased by approximately 5.6%.

The Township is planning to purchase a new tanker pumper fire truck. This enables us to provide our residents with excellent protection.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

March 31, 2006

Table 2
Township of Olive Changes in Net Assets

	Gover	nmental
	Acti	vities
	2006	2005
Revenues	<del></del>	<del></del>
Program		
Charges for Services	\$ 124,167	\$ 99,395
General	,	,
Property taxes	717,789	686,171
State revenue sharing	319,375	325,106
Investment earnings	115,273	87,918
Other	44,674	_105,639
Total	1,321,278	1,304,229
Expenses		
Legislative	9,912	13,776
General government	278,111	257,263
Public safety	378,159	343,990
Public works	317,180	302,694
Other	168,103	225,701
Total	1,151,465	1,143,424
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	169,813	160,805
Net Assets-beginning of year	4,607,520	4,446,715
Net Assets-end of year	\$ <u>4,777,333</u>	\$ <u>4,607,520</u>

## The Township's Funds

An analysis of the Township's major funds begins on page 11 following the entity wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the significant funds, not the Township as a whole. The Township Board creates funds to help manage money for specific purposes as well as to show accountability for certain activities. The Township's major funds include the General Fund, Road Fund, Fire Rescue Donation Fund, Emergency Fund and the Dust Fund.

The General Fund pays the Township's general operating expenditures, the most significant of which are General Government, Public Safety and Public Works.

## General Fund Budgetary Highlights

As in past years, the Township Board monitors the budget on a monthly basis. Over the course of the year, the Township Board amended the budget to take into account events during the year. Township

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis

March 31, 2006

#### General Fund Budgetary Highlights-Continued

expenditures overall stayed below budget, resulting in total expenditures of \$568,742, which was \$1,024,640 below budget. The General Fund's fund balance increased from \$2,509,875 a year ago to \$2,650,157 at March 31, 2006. The budget was amended for salaries and wages, professional and contractual services, supplies and miscellaneous expenses resulting in an increase to the original budget.

#### Capital Asset and Debt Administration

At March 31, 2006 the Township had \$1,454,469 (net of accumulated depreciation of \$492,177) invested in a broad range of capital assets including land, land improvements, buildings and machinery and equipment.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The Township's budget for the next fiscal year projects property taxes to increase by approximately 5% due to increases in property values and newly assessed residential properties from housing developments. State revenue sharing allocations are a budgetary concern at this time. The State of Michigan has experienced significant budgeting problems and as they look for solutions, state shared revenues may decrease. The amount of revenue sharing is uncertain at this time but is expected to approximate last year's amount. Salaries are a large expenditure of the funds and represented approximately 16% of this year's total budget.

The Township is involved at present, looking at a large sewer project running down Port Sheldon Street. Money will be spent on feasibility studies as well as engineering studies.

#### Contacting the Township's Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and other interested parties with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact us at (616) 786-9996.

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2006

<b>-</b>	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash	\$3,135,788
Receivables	,,
Taxes	45,929
Assessments	65,091
Due from fiduciary funds	42,794
Due from state	52,306
Capital assets, net	1,454,469
Total assets	4,796,377
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	18,197
Accrued expenses	847
Total liabilities	19,044
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets	
net of related debt	1,454,469
Unrestricted	3,322,864
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>4,777,333</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended March 31, 2006

			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	Progran	n Revenue	Primary Government
		Charges for	Governmental
	Expenses	services	activities
Primary Government			
Governmental activities			
Legislative	\$ 9,912	\$ -	\$ (9,912)
General government	278,111	25,871	(252,240)
Public safety	378,159	98,296	(279,863)
Public works	317,180	-	(317,180)
Other governmental			, ,
functions	168,103	<b></b>	(168,103)
Total primary			
Government	\$ <u>1,151,465</u>	\$ <u>124,167</u>	\$ <u>(1,027,298)</u>
General revenues			•
Property taxes			717,789
State grants			319,375
Investment earnings			115,273
Other			44,674
Total general reven	ue		
and special items			1,197,111
Change in net ass	ets		169,813
Net assets at April 1, 2005			4,607,520
Net assets at March 31, 2006			\$ <u>4,777,333</u>

# BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

March 31, 2006

	General <u>Fund</u>	Road <u>Fund</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$2,644,667	\$ 25,751
Receivables		
Taxes	45,929	-
Assessments-current	6,346	-
Assessments-deferred	58,745	-
Due from other funds	42,794	41,25
Due from state	52,306	
Total Assets	\$ <u>2,850,787</u>	\$ <u>66,876</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,002	\$ -
Accrued expenses	847	-
Due to other funds	130,690	-
Deferred revenue	65,091	-
Total Liabilities	200,630	
Fund Equity:		
Fund balance		
Unreserved	2,650,157	<u>66,876</u>
Total Fund Equity	2,650,157	66,876
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ <u>2,850,787</u>	\$ <u>66,876</u>

			Total
Fire Rescue	Emergency	Dust	Governmental
Donation Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds
D Ollation 1 and			<del></del>
\$ 18,786	\$ 392,378	\$ 54,206	\$3,135,788
<b>4</b> 23,133	,		
-	-	-	45,929
-	-	-	6,346
-	-	-	58,745
500	84,558	5,007	173,984
<u>-</u>	-		52,306
\$ <u>19,286</u>	\$ <u>476,936</u>	\$ <u>59,213</u>	\$ <u>3,473,098</u>
		•	10.107
\$ 10,455	\$ 3,740	\$ -	18,197
-	-	-	847
-	500	-	131,190
			<u>65,091</u>
10.455	4.240		215,325
10,455	4,240		213,323
8,831	472,696	59,213	3,257,773
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8,831	472,696	59,213	3,257,773
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\$ <u>19,286</u>	\$ <u>476,936</u>	\$ <u>59,213</u>	\$3,473,098
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# RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2006

Total fund balance-governmental funds

\$3,257,773

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of capital assets

\$1,946,646

Accumulated depreciation

(492,177)

1,454,469

Special assessment receivables are expected to be collected over several years, and are not available to pay for current year expenditures.

65,091

Net assets of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets

\$<u>4,777,333</u>

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

## GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Year ended March 31, 2006

	General Fund	Road <u>Fund</u>	Fire Rescue Donation Fund
Revenues:	\$153,556	\$ 277,811	<b>\$</b> -
Taxes	98,296	Ψ 277,011 -	<b>-</b>
Licenses and permits	319,375	_	-
State grants	129,405	104	_
Interest and rentals	8,392	-	8,047
Other revenue	0,572		
TOTAL REVENUES	709,024	277,915	8,047
Expenditures			
Current:	9,912	_	_
Legislative	264,880	-	_
General government	94,366	-	5,251
Public safety	15,025	242,907	-
Public works	168,103	242,507	-
Other	16,456	_	10,455
Capital outlay	10,430		10,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	568,742	242,907	15,706
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	140,282	35,008	(7,659)
Other financing sources (uses)  Transfers to other governmental units		-	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	140,282	35,008	(7,659)
Fund balance - April l	\$2,509,875	31,868	16,490
Fund balance - March 31	\$ <u>2,650,157</u>	\$ <u>66,876</u>	\$ <u>8,831</u>

Emergency Fund	Dust Fund	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
\$ 286,422 - 7,333 _34,165	\$ - - 4,302 	\$ 717,789 98,296 319,375 141,144 50,604
327,920	4,302	1,327,208
222,835 - - - 222,835 105,085	57,778 - - - - 57,778 (53,476)	9,912 264,880 322,452 315,710 168,103 26,911 1,107,968
		<del></del>
105,085	(53,476)	219,240
367,611	112,689	3,038,533
\$ <u>472,696</u>	\$ <u>59,213</u>	\$ <u>3,257,773</u>

## RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended March 31, 2006

Net change in fund balances-total governmental funds:

\$219,240

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures in the Statement of Activities; these costs are depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation expense \$(70,408) Capital outlay  $\underline{26,911}$ 

Special assessment revenues reported in the statement of activities in previous years that did not provide current financial resources in the governmental funds until the current year.

(5,930)

(43,497)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$<u>169,813</u>

## FIDUCIARY FUNDS - STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

March 31, 2006

## Trust and Agency Funds

	Current Tax	
	Collection	Escrow
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ <u>203,753</u>	\$ <u>5,000</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to other funds	\$ 42,794	\$ -
Due to schools	67,101	-
Due to state	83,003	-
Due to county	10,855	-
Escrow deposits	·	5,000
	\$ <u>203,753</u>	\$_5,000

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Township of Olive have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Township's policies are described below.

#### 1. Reporting Entity

The Township of Olive (Ottawa County) is a general law township which operates under an elected Township Board form of government and provides services to its residents in many areas including public safety (fire protection), highways and streets, parks and recreation, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

#### 2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The Township does not allocate indirect costs.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

## 3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

#### 3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation-Continued

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures (when applicable), expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, state revenue sharing and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Road Fund accounts for revenue to be used for paving of roads within the Township.

The Fire Rescue Donation Fund accounts for all donations from corporations or individuals for the purpose of purchasing safety equipment for the fire rescue.

The Emergency Fund accounts for all fire department and emergency services provided for the Township.

The Dust Fund accounts for revenues to be used for dust control on the gravel roads.

The Township reports the following fiduciary funds:

The Current Tax Collection Fund accounts for revenues received from tax payers and distributed to various entities including the state, county, townships and school districts per predetermined millages.

The Escrow Fund accounts for funds held for a sand mine permit to ensure projects are completed correctly within the Township.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

## 3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation-Continued

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments, if any. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

#### 4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

#### a. Deposits and Investments

The Township's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be interest bearing and non-interest bearing, demand deposits and certificates of deposits. The Township has adopted an investment policy in compliance with State of Michigan statutes. Those statutes authorize the Township to invest in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit, prime commercial paper, securities guaranteed by United States agencies or instrumentalities, United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements, bankers acceptances, state-approved investment pools and certain mutual funds. The Township has adopted an investment policy that is more restrictive than the above. See Note C2.

The Township considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### b. Receivables and Payables

All outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property and are levied as follows: Summer taxes on July 1 and are payable through September 14; winter taxes on December 1 are payable through February 14. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also taxes for the local and intermediate school districts and the county. Collection of these taxes and

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### 4. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity-Continued

remittance of them to the districts and the county are accounted for in the Current Tax Collection Fund. Township property tax revenues are recognized in the period for which they are levied. The Township is permitted by law to levy taxes up to .9784 mills per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for general governmental services other than the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt and no millage for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt. The combined tax rate, of levied millage and additional voted millage, to finance general governmental services for the year ended March 31, 2006, was 4.871 mills.

#### c. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements, if any, are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the primary government is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Assets	Years
Land improvements	15-30
Buildings and improvements	20-55
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-15
Vehicles	10-20

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### d. Compensated Absences

Township employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on length of service. Unused vacation time and sick leave do not accumulate past March 31 of each fiscal year. No portion of unused sick leave is paid to employees at the time of termination or retirement. It is the Township's policy to recognize the cost of sick leave at the time it is paid.

#### e. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### f. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures.

#### NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### 1. Budgetary Information

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. On or about March 31, the Township Board submits to the general public a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following April 1. The operating budget included proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. Prior to April I, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
- d. The Township Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within departments within any fund.
- e. Budgets for the general fund and special revenue funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- f. Appropriations for all funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Township Board as of March 31, 2006.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

#### NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY-CONTINUED

#### 2. Risk Management

The Township of Olive is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries, as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for medical benefits and workers compensation claims and participates in the Michigan Township Participating Plan for claims relating to general liability, excess liability, auto liability, trunkline liability, errors and omissions, physical damage (equipment, buildings and contents.) Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

The local units in the State of Michigan established and created a trust fund, known as the Michigan Township Participating Plan pursuant to the provisions of Act 138 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1982. The plan is to provide for joint and cooperative action relative to Members' financial and administrative resources for the purpose of providing risk management services along with property and liability protection. Membership is restricted to local units and related local unit activities within the state. The Township of Olive became a member of the plan in 1996.

The Michigan Township Participating Plan operates as a risk-sharing management program for local units in Michigan, member premiums are used to purchase insurance coverage to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

#### **NOTE C - DEPOSITS**

#### 1. Deposits

The Township's deposits are with four financial institutions and are carried at cost, the deposits are composed of interest bearing and non-interest bearing demand deposits and certificates of deposit.

As of March 31, 2006, the Township's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,344,541 and the bank balance was \$3,357,734. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, the remainder being uninsured.

#### 2. Investment Policy

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; prime commercial paper; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The investment policy adopted by the Township in accordance with Public Act 20 of 1943 (as amended) authorized investments in demand depository accounts, certificates of deposit, and savings accounts.

#### 3. Summary

At year-end, the Township's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Governmental Activities	Fiduciary <u>Funds</u>	Total Primary Government
Cash	\$ <u>3,135,788</u>	\$ <u>208,753</u>	\$ <u>3,344,541</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

## NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended March 31, 2006 was as follows:

	Balance			Balance
Governmental Activities	April 1, 2005	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	March 31, 2006
Capital assets, not being depreciated	d:			
Land	\$ <u>72,709</u>	\$	\$	\$ <u>72,709</u>
Total capital assets,				
not being depreciated	<u>72,709</u>	-		72,709
Capital assets, being depreciated:	0.40.010	16.456		050 466
Buildings	842,010	16,456	-	858,466
Land improvements	160,950	-	-	160,950
Furniture, Fixtures				
and equipment	90,371	10,455	-	100,826
Vehicles	<u>753,695</u>		-	753,695
Total comital aggets				
Total capital assets,	1,847,026	26,911		1,873,937
being depreciated	1,047,020	20,911	-	1,073,937
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	107,390	15,640	-	123,030
Land improvements	13,098	5,560	-	18,658
Furniture, Fixtures	,	,		,
and equipment	32,707	8,911	-	41,618
Vehicles	268,574	40,297	-	308,871
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Total accumulated depreciation	421,769	70,408		492,177
Total capital assets,				
being depreciated, net	1,425,257	(43,497)		1,381,760
Capital Assets, net	1,497,966	(43,497)	-	1,454,469
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Government activities:				
Depreciation				
Depreciation expense was charge	ged to functions as	s follows:		
General government				\$ 13,231
Public safety				55,707
Public works				1,470
				\$ <u>70,408</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

#### NOTE E - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Details of interfund receivables and payables at March 31, 2006, are as follows:

	Interfund		Interfund
<u>Fund</u>	Receivables	Fund	<u>Payable</u>
Road Dust	\$ 41,125 5,007	General	\$130,690
Emergency	84,558		
	130,690		130,690
General	42,794	Current Tax Collection	42,794
Fire Rescue Donation	500	Emergency	500
	\$ <u>173,984</u>		\$ <u>173,984</u>

## NOTE F - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGETARY FUNDS

In the body of the financial statements, the Township's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures have been reported on a functional basis. This is the same basis for which the budgets have been legally adopted and amended.

During the year ended March 31, 2006, the Township incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	Total	Actual	Budget
	Appropriations	Expenditures	Variance
Fire Rescue Donation Fund	-	15,706	15,706

## NOTE G - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS)

The Township of Olive elected to become a member of the Municipal Employees Retirement System in accordance with provisions of Section 41 of Act No. 427, Public Acts of 1984, effective July 1, 1991. The payroll for employees covered by the MERS for the year ended March 31, 2006, was \$64,867. Current membership in the MERS is comprised of the following:

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

#### March 31, 2006

## NOTE G - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS)-CONTINUED

Group	March 31, 2005
Retirees and beneficiaries currently	
receiving benefits	1
Vested terminated employees	1
Active employees	3

Employees attaining the age of 50 who have completed 25 or more continuous years of service are entitled to annual benefits of 2.0% of their final average compensation for each year of credited service, reduced 1/2 of 1% for each complete month that retirement precedes the normal retirement age of 60. The MERS permits early retirement at the completion of 25 years of continuous service. Active employees who become disabled after acquiring ten or more years of continuous service are entitled to annual benefits of 2.0% of their final average compensation for each year of credited service.

If an active employee or vested former employee with ten or more years of service dies before retirement, a monthly survivor allowance may be payable as follows:

Named contingent survivor beneficiary (if any) will receive a retirement allowance computed in the same manner as a service retirement allowance, but reduced to reflect an Option II (100% joint and survivor) election.

No named beneficiary and the employee leaves a spouse, the spouse will receive a survivor allowance. The amount of allowance shall be 85% of the deceased employee or former employee accrued retirement allowance, based upon service and final average compensation at time of death.

No named beneficiary and no retirement allowance being paid to a surviving spouse, unmarried children under the age of 21 will be paid an equal share of 50% of the deceased employee's accrued retirement allowance.

If an employee terminates employment with the Township before age 60, other than by retirement or death, the retirement allowance is computed in the same manner as a service retirement with the applicable benefit being determined as of the date of termination. Rights to an allowance are forfeited if the employee's accumulated contributions are withdrawn.

Employees are required to contribute 7.6% of their annual salary to the MERS. The Township is required to contribute the remaining amount necessary to fund the MERS, using the entry agenormal actuarial method as specified by ordinance. The Township currently funds at a rate of 6.28% of each participating employee's annual salary.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

#### NOTE G - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS)-CONTINUED

#### Funding Status and Progress

The Township contributed \$4,099 to the plan for the year ended March 31, 2006. The pension benefit obligation was underfunded by \$23,580 and \$20,427 at January 1, 2005 and 2004, respectively, and was determined as part of an actuarial valuation of the plan as of those dates. Significant actuarial assumptions used in determining the pension benefit obligation include (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 8.0% per year compounded annually, (b) the salary increase assumption projects annual salary increases of 4.5% plus a percentage based on an age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity and promotional salary increases, (c) the assumption that benefits will not increase after retirement.

#### NOTE H - BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Olive Township is responsible for complying with the State Construction Code Act. This Act was amended by Public Act 245 of 1999 which became effective on January 1, 2000. Section 22 of Public Act 245 requires that the legislative body of a governmental subdivision shall establish reasonable fees to be charged by the governmental subdivision for acts and services performed by the enforcing agency under this act, which fees shall be intended to bear a reasonable relation to the cost, including overhead, to the governmental subdivision of the acts and services, including, without limitation, those services and acts as, in case of an enforcing agency, issuance of building permits, examination of plans and specifications, inspection of construction undertaken pursuant to a building permit, and the issuance of certificates of use and occupancy, and, in case of a board of appeals, hearing appeals in accordance with this act. The legislative body of a governmental subdivision shall only use fees generated under this section for the operation of the enforcing agency and shall not use the fees for any other purpose.

Olive Township meets the Michigan Department of Treasury criteria to account for these activities in the General Fund (ie. not establishing a separate Special Revenue Fund) namely, that the fee structure is not intended to recover the full cost of the enforcing agency and the Township has the ability to track the full costs and revenues of the enforcing agency without creating a separate fund. The following is a schedule of the revenues and expenditures associated with the building inspection department:

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

March 31, 2006

## NOTE H - BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT-CONTINUED

Township of Olive Building Inspection Department April 1, 2005-March 31, 2006

Revenue	\$ 98,296
Expenses	<b>4</b> 3 <b>3,2</b> 3
Contracted services	80,333
Supplies	25
Administration	9,830
TOTAL EXPENSES	90,188
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ 8108

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### Township of Olive, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule GENERAL FUND

Year ended March 31, 2006

	Year ended March	31, 2006		
	<u>Budgeted</u> Original	l Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	Original	1 11161	Notual	(Cinavolable)
Taxes	\$ 193,900	\$ 193,900	\$ 153,556	\$(40,344)
Licenses and permits	75,000	75,000	98,296	23,296
State grants	210,000	210,000	319,375	109,375
Interest and rentals	40,000	40,000	129,405	89,405
Other revenue			8,392	8,392
Total Revenues	518,900	518,900	709,024	190,124
EXPENDITURES	310,500	210,200	7 0 2 ,0 = 1	170,120
Legislative				
Governing body				
Salaries and wages	5,050	5,050	2,365	2,685
Supplies	14,000	14,000	7,547	6,453
Total legislative	19,050	19,050	9,912	9,138
General government				
Supervisor				
Salaries and wages	23,350	23,830	23,830	-
Supplies	2,000	2,000	<u>909</u>	<u>1,091</u>
	25,350	25,830	24,739	1,091
Auditor				
Professional and				
contractual services	8,750	9,640	9,640	-
Assessor				
Professional and				
contractual services	20,700	20,700	20,700	•
Supplies	2,700	2,840	<u>2,172</u>	<u>668</u>
	23,400	23,540	22,872	668
Attorney				
Professional and				
contractual services	80,000	87,937	87,341	596
Election				
Wages	3,500	3,500	-	3,500
Supplies	3,000	3,000	1,027	<u>1,973</u>
	6,500	6,500	1,027	5,473

#### Township of Olive, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule GENERAL FUND-CONTINUED

Year ended March 31, 2006

				Variance with final
	Budgeted			Budget - Favorable
	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)
General government-Continued Clerk				
Salaries and wages	21,000	21,000	20,300	700
Supplies	4,200	4,200	2,255	1,945
	25,200	25,200	22,555	2,645
Deputy Clerk				
Salaries and Wages	1,500	1,500	673	827
Treasurer				
Salaries and wages	23,098	23,098	22,367	731
Supplies	2,000	2,000	1,939	<u>61</u>
	25,098	25,098	24,306	792
Deputy Treasurer				
Salaries and wages	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Board of Review				
Salaries and wages	3,000	3,000	1,365	1,635
Office supplies	500	500	<u> 123</u>	<u>377</u>
B 1111 1 1 1 1 1	3,500	3,500	1,488	2,012
Building and Grounds	2 000			
Salaries and wages	3,000	3,344	3,344	-
Office supplies	15,000	15,000	12,191	2,809
Public utilities	12,000	12,000	10,590	1,410
	30,000	30,344	26,125	4,219
General services				
Wages	25,000	25,000	23,197	1,803
Office supplies	15,000	15,000	9,985	5,015
Professional and				
contractual services	6,000	6,000	3,320	<u>2,680</u>
	46,000	46,000	36,502	9,498
Cemetery				
Salaries and wages	7,250	7,250	5,041	2,209
Supplies	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>571</u>	1,929
	<u>9,750</u>	9,750	5,612	4,138
Total general government	287,048	296,839	264,880	31,959

#### Township of Olive, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule GENERAL FUND-CONTINUED

Year ended March 31, 2006

	Rudgeted	Amounts		Variance with final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget - Favorable
Public Safety	Original	1 mai	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Building inspector				
Professional and				
contractual services	50,000	50,000	42,472	7,528
Office supplies	1,500	1,500	25	1,475
	51,500	51,500	42,497	9,003
Electrical Inspector				
Professional and				
contractual services	8,000	8,000	5,287	2,713
Plumbing Inspector				
Salaries and wages	<b>8,000</b> .	8,000	3,774	4,226
Mechanical Inspector				
Professional and				
contractual services	6,000	6,000	4,080	1,920
Planning Commission				
Salaries and wages	12,500	12,500	4,845	7,655
Office Supplies	12,000	_12,000	7,679	4,321
	24,500	24,500	12,524	11,976
Zoning Administrator				
Professional and				
contractual services	24,720	27,300	24,720	2,580
Zoning Board of Appeals				
Salaries and wages	1,000	1,000	690	310
Office supplies	2,000	2,000	794	_1,206
	3,000	_3,000	1,484	1,516
Total Public Safety	125,720	128,300	94,366	33,934
Public Works				
Drains	20,000	20,000	11,834	8,166
Street lighting				•
Public utilities	<u>4,000</u>	4,000	_3,191	<u>809</u>
Total Public Works	24,000	24,000	15,025	8,975

#### Township of Olive, Michigan Budgetary Comparison Schedule GENERAL FUND-CONTINUED

Year ended March 31, 2006

	Budgete	d Amounts		Variance with final Budget - Favorable
	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Other				(0111111010)
Insurance and payroll taxes	24,000	24,000	18,519	5,481
Engineering	500,000	500,000	105,440	394,560
Road expenses	500,000	500,000	377	499,623
MACC Council	16,000	16,000	9,161	6,839
Miscellaneous	54,800	55,193	34,606	20,587
Total Other	1,094,800	1,095,193	168,103	927,090
Capital outlay				
General	30,000	30,000	16,456	13,544
Total Expenditures	<u>1,580,618</u>	1,593,382	568,742	1,024,640

## **BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

#### **ROAD FUND**

Year ended March 31, 2006

	Budgetec	I Amounts	Variance with final Budget - Favorable	
	Original	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$277,811	\$ 27,811
Interest earnings	500	500	104	(396)
TOTAL REVENUES	250,500	250,500	277,915	27,415
Expenditures				
Road projects	<u>258,409</u>	258,409	242,907	15,502
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	258,409	258,409	242,907	15,502
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)				
EXPENDITURES	(7,909)	(7,909)	35,008	42,917
Fund balance - April l	31,868	31,868	_31,868	-
Fund balance - March 31	\$ <u>23,959</u>	\$ <u>23,959</u>	\$ <u>66,876</u>	\$ <u>42,917</u>

#### **BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

#### FIRE RESCUE DONATION FUND

Year ended March 31, 2006

	Budgeted	l Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Interest	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ (100)
Donations			8,047	8,047
TOTAL REVENUES	100	100	8,047	7,947
Expenditures				
Capital outlay	-	-	10,455	(10,455)
Miscellaneous		***	5,251	(5,251)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			15,706	(15,706)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)				
EXPENDITURES	100	100	(7,659)	(7,759)
Fund balance - April 1	16,490	16,490	16,490	_
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Fund balance - March 31	\$ <u>16,590</u>	\$ <u>16,590</u>	\$ <u>8,831</u>	\$ <u>(7,759)</u>

## **BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

## **EMERGENCY FUND**

Year ended March 31, 2006

	Budgeted	i Amounts	Variance with final Budget - Favorable	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues				(cinavorable)
Property taxes	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$286,422	\$ 36,422
Interest	500	500	7,333	6,833
Other revenue	-		34,165	34,165
TOTAL REVENUES	250,500	250,500	327,920	77,420
Expenditures				
Salaries and wages	-	-	104,121	(104,121)
Operating expenditures	224,000	224,000	98,635	125,365
Insurance	-	-	16,898	(16,898)
Miscellaneous			3,181	(3,181)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	224,000	224,000	222,835	1,165
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)				
EXPENDITURES	26,500	26,500	105,085	78,585
Fund balance - April l	367,611	367,611	367,611	-
Fund balance - March 31	\$ <u>394,111</u>	\$ <u>394,111</u>	\$ <u>472,696</u>	\$ <u>78,585</u>

## **BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

## **DUST FUND**

Year ended March 31, 2006

	n.	Budgeted Original	l Amounts Final	Actual	Variance with final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
-	Revenues Interest	\$400	\$400	\$_4,302	\$3,902
-	TOTAL REVENUES	400	400	4,302	3,902
_	Expenditures Chloride	60,000	60,000	57,778	2,222
_	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	60,000	60,000	57,778	2,222
	EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(59,600)	(59,600)	(53,476)	6,124
	Fund balance - April l	112,689	112,689	112,689	<u>•</u>
_	Fund balance - March 31	\$ <u>53,089</u>	\$ <u>53,089</u>	\$ <u>59,213</u>	\$ <u>6,124</u>

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June 5, 2006

Members of the Township Board Township of Olive, Michigan

In connection with my examination of the financial statements of the Township of Olive as of March 31, 2006. I have reviewed the accounting policies and procedures employed by the Township and the internal controls in effect. As a result of this review, I wish to make certain comments and recommendations.

I have examined the financial statements of the Township of Olive, Michigan, for the year ended March 31, 2006, and have issued my report thereon dated June 5, 2006. As part of my examination, I made a study and evaluation of the system of internal accounting control of the Township of Olive, Michigan, to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in the U.S. General Accounting Office "Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions". The purpose of my study and evaluation was to determine the nature, timing and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the entity's financial statements. My study and evaluation was more limited than would be necessary to express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control taken as a whole.

The management of the Township of Olive, Michigan, is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of a system are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

My study and evaluation made for the limited purposes described in the first paragraph would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control of the Township taken as a whole.

However, my study and evaluation disclosed that the internal controls are not adequate to reduce to a relatively low risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements of the Township may occur and not be detected within a timely period. This is because of a lack of segregation of duties due to the limited number of accounting personnel. Accordingly, substantive testing has been increased to reduce to an acceptable level the audit risk associated with this situation.

All general ledger accounts in all funds should be reviewed, at minimum, on a monthly basis for reasonableness and completeness. Discrepancies and problems, if found, could then be easily corrected in a more timely manner.

Township management should cross-train personnel to ensure that the computerized or manual accounting records would be properly maintained in the event of illness, vacation, or other extended absence.

A monthly bank reconciliation should be prepared for all cash accounts and compared to the corresponding general ledger balance. Any discrepancies should then be investigated and corrected.

As of March 31, 2006, only \$500,000 of approximately \$3,300,000 was federally insured. I recommend that the Township continue to maintain accounts with a number of federally insured financial institutions to maximize FDIC coverage.

Pursuant to the following subsections of the Michigan Compiled Laws Section 211.43, tax collections shall be delivered according to the following schedule:

3 (a) Within 10 business days after the first and fifteenth day of each month, the township or city treasurer shall account for and deliver to the county treasurer the total amount of state and county tax collections on hand on the first and fifteenth day of each month; to the school district treasurers, the total amount of school tax collections on hand on the first and fifteenth day of each month; and to the public transportation authorities, the total amount of public transportation authority tax collections on hand the first and fifteenth day of each month. If the intermediate school district and community college district provide for direct payment pursuant to subsection (9), the township or city treasurer shall also account for and deliver to the intermediate school district and the community college district the total respective amounts of school tax collections on hand the first and fifteenth day of each month. This subdivision shall not apply to the month of March.

(12) interest earned by a city, township, or county on collections of taxes levied on or after November 5, 1985 before the tax collections are accounted for and delivered to the respective taxing units pursuant to this section shall also be accounted for and delivered to the respective taxing units on a pro rata basis.

The Township was not in compliance with the above provisions for the year ending March 31, 2006.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I have had excellent cooperation from all personnel involved in the recordkeeping area and look forward to more of the same in the future. All of the above comments and recommendations have been discussed with Township officials who have indicated to me that the Township will attempt to comply with them. These comments and recommendations are intended to be only of a constructive nature as I am sure they will continue to improve your accounting system. I would be available at any time in order to discuss these comments and recommendations.

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Respectfully submitted,

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